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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Military Shipments at the Rathenow Railroad Station

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT 7 to 30 May 1953

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DATE PREPARED 17 June 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 30 May 1953, a shipment of 6 flatcars carrying 6 x 300-mm rocket launchers; and 1 boxcar, [redacted] was attached to passenger train [redacted] which left the Rathenow railroad station toward Brandenburg [redacted]. The train was bound for Jueterbog.<sup>1</sup>

2. Troop trains passing through Rathenow between 7 and 31 May included:

7 May. A train of 7 boxcars and 27 flatcars, arriving from the direction of Velten [redacted] and leaving toward Altengradow [redacted]

10 May. A train of 10 boxcars and 45 flatcars, which arrived from the direction of Neustrelitz [redacted]

31 May. A train of 39 boxcars, 14 flatcars and 5 gondola cars, which arrived from the direction of Muenstermark [redacted] and left toward Brandenburg-Altstadt [redacted]

3. [redacted] on 29 May, 2 x 132-mm and 2 x 300-mm rocket launchers arrived in Rathenow by road, coming from a western direction and proceeding to the Pioneer Kaserne.<sup>1</sup>

Comment. The rocket launchers on train [redacted] probably belonged to units of the 25th RL Brig and either went to Jueterbog for firing practices or to the rocket launcher repair shop of the GOFG in Jueterbog. Another source, on 31 May, also reported the entraining of six rocket launchers of the brigade. [redacted] It is not known, whether the date was transmitted incorrect or whether actually two shipments of the brigade went to Jueterbog on the two days. The rocket launchers returning by road are fairly definitely believed to have gone to their quarters in the Kraftfahrer Kaserne, which source already previously mixed up with the Pioneer Kaserne.

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25X1 [ ] Comment. The trains [ ]  
25X1 [ ] went to Altengrabow and can be confirmed by reports on trans-  
25X1 portation. The two first mentioned trains probably carried light AAA  
25X1 units of the 31st AAA Div, while the last train carried artillery units  
of the 9th Gds Tank Div. Train [ ] possibly carried artillery units  
of the Second Gds Mecz Army to Altengrabow.

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